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PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. MC2002-1/5

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Classification and Fees
for Confirm

Docket No. MC2002-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
ON EVIDENTIARY RECORD AND
CLOSING THE RECORD

(Issued July 26, 2002)

The June 21, 2002 Stipulation and Agreement filed by the Postal Service in resolution of all issues in this proceeding identifies, among other things, the evidentiary materials that the signatories represent provide substantial evidence supporting and justifying a Recommended Decision recommending changes to the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule § 991 and Fee Schedule 991.¹ The identified items consist of the Postal Service's Request, including supporting testimony and materials as well as designated interrogatory responses.

P.O. Ruling MC2002-1/4 provided participants with an opportunity to designate evidence for inclusion in the record in this proceeding. P.O. Ruling MC2002-1/4, June 24, 2002 at 2. In response, two participants designated materials. American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO (APWU) designated the following interrogatory responses:

witness

Bakshi

Lubenow

designation

APWU/USPS-T1-1-8

OCA/USPS-T1-1-19, 21, 26, and 27

APWU/USPS-T2-1-2

OCA/USPS-T2-6

¹ Stipulation and Agreement, June 21, 2002, at § II, ¶ 2.

Nieto

APWU/USPS-T3-1-10

OCA/USPS-T3-2, 3

institutional

DBP/USPS-1, 7, and 8

The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) designated the following interrogatory responses:

witnessdesignation

Bakshi

OCA/USPS-T1-1-31

Lubenow

OCA/USPS-T2-1-7

Nieto

OCA/USPS-T3-1-5

institutional

OCA/USPS-1

DBP/USPS-1, 3-6, and 7-11²

On July 3, 2002, the Postal Service filed declarations executed by each witness supporting the designated direct testimony, and, as appropriate, all designated interrogatory responses, and responses to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 1.³

The following material is hereby entered into the record:

- ◆ Docket No. MC2002-1 Request of the United States Postal Service for a Recommended Decision on Classification and Fees for Confirm, including all attachments thereto;
- ◆ Direct Testimony of Paul Bakshi, USPS-T-1;
- ◆ Direct Testimony of Joe Lubenow, USPS-T-2;
- ◆ Direct Testimony of Norma B. Nieto, USPS-T-3, including Library Reference USPS-LR-2/MC2002-1;
- ◆ Direct Testimony of Beth B. Rothschild, USPS-T-4, including Library Reference USPS-LR-1/MC2002-1;
- ◆ Direct Testimony of James M. Keifer, USPS-T-5; and

² Includes supplemental responses 6(b) and 6(d).

³ See Declarations Supporting Designated Direct Testimony, Written Cross-Examination, and Interrogatory Responses and Copies of Applicable Direct Testimonies of the United States Postal Service, July 3, 2002.

- ♦ the designated interrogatory responses identified above, including the Postal Service's responses to POIR No. 1.

Upon entry of this material into the record, the evidentiary record in this proceeding is closed.

RULING

1. The material identified in the body of this Ruling is entered into the evidentiary record in this proceeding.
2. The evidentiary record in Docket No. MC2002-1 is closed.


George Omas
Presiding Officer